

HOUSE RESOLUTION 189  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Marsha Blackburn for meritorious service as the U.S. Representative for the 7th District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with dedication to their respective communities and to this great State, and who have gone on admirably to perform further political offices; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marsha Blackburn's career in the General Assembly came to an end at the adjournment of the 2002 Session of the 102nd General Assembly, when she announced her intent to run for the Seventh Congressional Seat in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, upon being elected to this highly prestigious office, Representative Blackburn was sworn in on January 7, 2003, and is already making her presence felt in our U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Laurel, Mississippi, Rep. Blackburn began her political career by helping establish the Young Republicans Club in Williamson County in the mid-1970s; being involved in her community initially sparked her interest in politics and motivated her to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Blackburn's service to the citizens and State of Tennessee began a decade ago when, in 1993, she served as a delegate for the American Council of Young Political Leaders in Southeast Asia, and continued in 1995, when she was appointed by then-Governor Don Sundquist as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission; in 1996, she served as Chairman of the Governor's Prayer Breakfast and led a delegation of six members in Finland and Estonia; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Nashville Symphony Guild Board, the Arthritis Foundation Board, the Nashville Zoo Friends Board, the Country Music Association, and the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Blackburn dedicated her time and energy to serving the people of Tennessee by being at the forefront of many important issues during her tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, Representative Blackburn was elected to the Tennessee seventh Congressional Seat that had been vacated by Congressman Ed Bryant; and

WHEREAS, ever-committed to improving the quality of life for Americans, Representative Blackburn's primary goal in office is tax reform; and

WHEREAS, throughout her extensive political career, Representative Blackburn's family has always been one of her top priorities; she, her husband Chuck, and their two children have always been a very strong family unit, working together in the political process; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to extend to her our most sincere congratulations on her political success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we fondly remember Representative Marsha Blackburn's service in this legislative body, congratulate her on her success in the U.S. House of Representatives, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.